

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY Global Outreach Prayer Focus

Island ECC has partnered with Helen Tijsterman who serves with Alpha Communities in Mongolia to look for opportunities to support struggling families and reunite foster children with parents whenever possible.

## TODAY Membership Class

Find out how you can BELONG to Island ECC by joining us for the Membership Classes today and next Sunday at 3.30pm, 8/F. Email [membership@islandecc.hk](mailto:membership@islandecc.hk) to register.

## TODAY Women's Fall Bible Study

Summer is over and we are all ready to dig and soak deeper into God's Word. Don't miss joining a group! Grab a Women's Fall Bible Study flyer at the Connect Counter or check us out at <http://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women/>.

## TODAY FUSE Young Adults Dinner

Join other young adults for dinner tonight after the 5pm service. We will meet in the Quench bookstore and head out together for a fun night!

## SEP 18 Divorce Care

If you're going through a divorce or have been through a divorce, Island ECC is here to help and walk with you as you move forward in your life. Gatherings begin weekly on September 18. For more information or to register, please visit [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes).

## SEP 18 FUSE Young Adults Fellowship Night

Get to know other young adults at Island ECC at our fellowship nights! We meet every other Wednesday at 7.30pm in The Studio (across the street).

## SEP 22 Cambodia Anti-Human Trafficking Mission Trip Sharing

This July, 32 brothers and sisters went to Phnom Penh and Siem Reap to learn about the anti-human trafficking issue. Come and listen to the stories about God turning ashes to beauty, and despair to hope. 2pm, 9/F.

## SEP 26 Improv Workshop

Drama! Acting! Improv! Join us for a 12-week Improv Workshop with Martin Radford on Thursdays, 7.30pm. It's guaranteed to be a blast, won't cost you anything besides your time and no previous experience is necessary! Email [worship@islandecc.hk](mailto:worship@islandecc.hk) for more information.

## SEP 29 2:7 Discipleship Course

The 2:7 discipleship course helps Christians strengthen their walk with God. You will learn and practice skills such as quiet time options, ways to meditate on Scripture, how to sharpen your salvation story. Join us on this life transformational journey! Classes available on Sundays and Wednesdays starting Sept 29. Please visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/27/> for detail and registration.

## OCT 11 ReNEW — All Church Night of Worship

Real rest doesn't have an address like Phuket or The Maldives, or come from a massage therapist, or 5 episodes in a row of your favourite TV show. Real rest is found in Christ. "Come to me and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Doors open at 7pm, 2/F.

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## New On The City

### Production Volunteers Needed

With our brand new 10/F opening and the recent addition of the 2/F service at 5pm, we are looking for volunteers to help with our Video Production during the services.

### FUSE Singles Conference — Early Bird Registration

This will be a diverse conference, October 25 & 26, featuring international and local guest speakers.

### NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

#### 1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER ON 1/F

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counter is located on the 1F and volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

#### 2 JOIN THE CITY

The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 1,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events, the chance to connect with others and more!

#### 3 CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting [www.islandecc.hk](http://www.islandecc.hk), you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

### WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

**HE LOVES** God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...

**HE GAVE** He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...

**WE BELIEVE** We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

**WE LIVE** God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death, He gives life, now ... and for eternity.

You can tell God you accept Him now. "Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

photos: Medical Mission trip to Xiamen



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## Life Amplified: Faith

<sup>24</sup>Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

Matthew 7:24-27

<sup>12</sup>For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup>For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. <sup>14</sup>But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Hebrews 5:12-14

<sup>22</sup>Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup>Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup>and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup>But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1:22-25

How do I practise my faith?

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Without faith it is impossible to please Him. Hebrews 11:6

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Give and it will be given to you. Luke 6:36

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Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5

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To one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin. James 4:17

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The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve. Matthew 20:28